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As you may be aware, Tom Sullivan had a meeting with Marsha MacBride a couple weeks ago. At the meeting, she said that she would encourage the FCC to voluntarily follow E.O. 13272. One of the requirements of the E.O. 13272 is that the agency give appropriate consideration to any comments provided by Advocacy and to include in the Fed Reg publication of the final rule a response to any written comments submitted by Advocacy.

Advocacy has filed a comment on the media ownership rule so the FCC should include a response in the final rule. I just wanted to draw your attention to this requirement as the FCC is in the final stages of preparing its order in this docket.

Hope you had a good weekend.

Eric

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